

Sears-Roebuck & Co. Now, Montgomery Ward, Butler Bros., the various banks and the other large concerns probably do not give any larger wages than Sears-Roebuck. They all have practically the same wage scale, as you who have worked for them know. I believe Mr. Rosenwald is knocked by readers for no other reason than that he is a Jew.—A Gentle.

NEUTRALITY, NOT WAR.—To be clear-headed in a calamity, to be cool in a turmoil, to be just in a righteous indignation and supremely active in all events, these and many more conditions confront us—a neutral nation.

We have had patience, we have had faith in our chosen leader, President Wilson, and we have suffered many an anxious moment on the verge of this great "crater"—war.

We are now willing to stand back of our leader in what we feel will be the just decision in this crisis of the sinking of one of the sea's greatest palaces and the resultant loss of so many innocent lives.

We are, first of all, neutral.

Lest we err in judgment it would be well to define this much-abused term.

To take sides with neither against the other is the common acceptance, but either can interpret the "taking of sides" in ways to fit their aim.

By being neutral we have understood it to be fair to carry on commerce with any and all nations regardless of the changed war conditions.

By being neutral we have thought it sufficient to say through Chas. M. Schwab and others: "We will sell to those who wish to buy."

By being neutral we have permitted the press to print absolute lies as war news.

By being neutral we have let pass the destruction of American ships and lives up till now.

Possibly our neutrality has par-

taken a streak of partiality flavored and influenced by "commerciality" and selfishness.

It can well look to a nation surrounded by warring enemies gradually closing in on and endeavoring to crush the national existence of that nation that we are opposed to them and not neutral when we deliberately supply their enemies with the sinews of war.

We are not neutral in the eyes of that periled nation, neither are we neutral in the eyes of the masses of this nation who do not share in the profits of these vast war contracts as do the promoters of the deals.

To be really neutral we must, in business as well as in sentiment, deal justly with all concerned in that neutrality.

Today we are blessed with an increasing army of unemployed estimated variously from 6,000,000 to 11,000,000, who, of necessity, are neutral. They have no voice in the press.

They cannot take sides against their erstwhile bosses. They can but wait—be neutral.

If the inhabitants of this great wealth-producing, naturally resourceful United States had what clothing they needed today, what food they needed today, what roofs over their heads they need today, the necessity for a "foreign market," "Latin-American branch banks," shipments of contrabands to the belligerents, would not be necessary, as profits could be had here, but underneath all this neutrality there seems to be a deep-laid plan—a purpose of the kings of finance.

To change the money market, the center of exchange, from Paris, Berlin and London to New York, and if neutrality won't do it they will try war. We want neutrality. Stop selling contraband goods.—A. G. Betts, 1119 Addison St.

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Stanley Pitrowski, 1749 W. 20th, found unconscious, Gas. Revived.